

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A system comprising:
a video source device to provide n bits of copy control information, the video source device including a first cipher unit; and
a video recording device to receive said n bits of copy control information, the video recording device including a second cipher unit;
~~a video source device providing n bits of copy control information to a video recording device;~~
each of the video source and recording devices incorporating said n bits of copy control information as part of an initialization value; ~~and~~ and each of the video source and recording devices initializing a respective one of the first and second cipher units with said initialization value to practice a symmetric ciphering/deciphering process employed by the video source and recording devices to protect video transmitted from the video source device to the video recording device.

~~each of the video source and recording devices initializing a respective one of the first and second a cipher unit cipher units with said initialization value to practice a symmetric ciphering/deciphering process employed by the video source~~

~~and recording devices to protect video transmitted from the video source device to the video recording device.~~

2. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein each of said incorporation of said n bits of copy control information as part of the initialization value by said video source and recording devices comprises incorporation of said n bits of copy control information as most significant bits of the initialization value.

3. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein each of said initialization of a cipher unit by said video source and recording devices comprises initializing a register of the cipher unit with the copy control information incorporated initialization value.

4. (Previously presented) The system of claim 3, wherein each of said initialization of a register of the cipher unit by said video source and recording devices comprises initializing a register of a round function of a block cipher.

5-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently amended) ~~In a video source device, a method~~ A method comprising:

providing a video source device and a video recording device with n-bits of copy control information;

incorporating said n-bits of copy control information as a part of an initialization value with each of the video source device and the video recording device;

initializing a block cipher with said initialization value; and

operating said block cipher to generate a key for use by a stream cipher to cipher video to be transmitted to the video recording device.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein said incorporation of said n bits of copy control information as part of an initialization value comprises incorporation of said n bits of copy control information as most significant bits of the initialization value.

13. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein said initialization of the block cipher unit comprises initializing a register of a round function of the block cipher.

14-16. (Cancelled)